

## Terce — Good Friday 2023

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### ***Opening Responses***

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Let your ways be known upon earth,  
**your saving help among the nations.**

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,  
**to you be praise and glory for ever.**

Full of sorrows and acquainted with grief,

**Christ was lifted up so that he might draw the whole world to himself.**

May we walk this day in the way of the cross and always be ready to share its weight, **declaring your love for all the world.**

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### ***Psalm***

Psalm 22

<sup>1</sup> My God, my God, why have you for-<sup>1</sup>saken me \*  
 and are so far from my cry and from the words of <sup>1</sup>my distress?

<sup>2</sup> O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you <sup>1</sup>do not answer; \*  
 by night as well, but I <sup>1</sup>find no rest.

<sup>3</sup> Yet you are the <sup>1</sup>Holy One, \*  
 enthroned upon the prais-<sup>1</sup>es of Israel.

<sup>4</sup> Our ancestors put their <sup>1</sup>trust in you; \*  
 they trusted, and <sup>1</sup>you delivered them.

<sup>5</sup> They cried out to you and <sup>1</sup>were delivered; \*  
 they trusted in you and were not <sup>1</sup>put to shame.

<sup>6</sup> But as for me, I am a worm <sup>1</sup>and not human, \*  
 scorned by all and despised <sup>1</sup>by the people.

<sup>7</sup> All who see me laugh <sup>1</sup>me to scorn; \*  
 they curl their lips and wag <sup>1</sup>their heads, saying,

<sup>8</sup> “You trusted in the Lord; let the Lord de-<sup>1</sup>liver you; \*  
 let God rescue you, if God de-<sup>1</sup>lights in you.”

<sup>9</sup> Yet you are the one who took me out <sup>1</sup>of the womb, \*  
 and kept me safe upon my <sup>1</sup>mother’s breast.

<sup>10</sup> I have been entrusted to you ever since <sup>1</sup>I was born; \*  
 you were my God when I was still in my <sup>1</sup>mother’s womb.

<sup>11</sup> Be not far from me, for trou-<sup>1</sup>ble is near, \*  
 and there is <sup>1</sup>none to help.

<sup>12</sup> Many young bulls en-<sup>1</sup>circle me; \*

strong bulls of Ba-<sup>1</sup>shan surround me.

<sup>13</sup> They open wide their <sup>1</sup>jaws at me, \*  
like a ravening and a <sup>1</sup>roaring lion.

<sup>14</sup> I am poured out like water; all my bones are <sup>1</sup>out of joint; \*  
my heart within my breast is <sup>1</sup>melting wax.

<sup>15</sup> My mouth is dried out like a potsherd;  
my tongue sticks to the roof <sup>1</sup>of my mouth; \*  
and you have laid me in the dust <sup>1</sup>of the grave.

<sup>16</sup> Packs of dogs close me in and gangs of evildoers cir-<sup>1</sup>cle around me; \*  
they pierce my hands <sup>1</sup>and my feet.

<sup>17</sup> I can count <sup>1</sup>all my bones \*  
while they stare and gloat <sup>1</sup>over me.

<sup>18</sup> They divide my gar-<sup>1</sup>ments among them; \*  
they cast lots <sup>1</sup>for my clothing.

<sup>19</sup> Be not far a-<sup>1</sup>way, O Lord; \*  
you are my strength; hast-<sup>1</sup>en to help me.

<sup>20</sup> Save me <sup>1</sup>from the sword, \*  
my life from the power <sup>1</sup>of the dog.

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the <sup>1</sup>lion's mouth, \*  
my wretched body from the horns of <sup>1</sup>wild bulls.

<sup>22</sup> I will declare your name <sup>1</sup>to my kindred; \*  
in the midst of the congregation <sup>1</sup>I will praise you.

<sup>23</sup> Praise the Lord, you <sup>1</sup>that fear God; \*  
stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's <sup>1</sup>line, give glory.

<sup>24</sup> For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither turns a-<sup>1</sup>way from them; \*  
when they cry to the Lord, <sup>1</sup>they are heard.

<sup>25</sup> My praise is of God in the <sup>1</sup>great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who wor-<sup>1</sup>ship the Lord.

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord <sup>1</sup>shall give praise: \*  
"May your heart <sup>1</sup>live for ever!"

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn <sup>1</sup>to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow <sup>1</sup>before God.

<sup>28</sup> For sovereignty belongs <sup>1</sup>to the Lord, \*  
who rules o-<sup>1</sup>ver the nations.

<sup>29</sup> To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow <sup>1</sup>down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall <sup>1</sup>before God.

<sup>30</sup> My soul shall live for God;  
my descendants <sup>1</sup>shall serve God; \*  
they shall be known as the <sup>1</sup>Lord's for ever.

<sup>31</sup> They shall come and make known to a people <sup>1</sup>yet unborn \*

the saving deeds that <sup>1</sup>God has done.

Glory to You, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

**as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen**

### ***Poem: The Ballad of Judas Iscariot***

Read by Rebecca Yeo

*Silence*

### ***Gospel Reading***

Acclamation:

Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life

We've come to believe and to know

That You are the Holy One of God *repeat*

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John 13:36–38

<sup>36</sup> Simon Peter said to him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus answered, “Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, but you will follow afterward.”

<sup>37</sup> Peter said to him, “Lord, why can I not follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.” <sup>38</sup> Jesus answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Very truly, I tell you, before the cock crows, you will have denied me three times.

*Silence*

### ***Response of Faith***

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

*Sources: Pray Without Ceasing ACC, BAS.*

the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayers**

With faith and love and in union with Christ, let us offer our prayers before the throne of grace, saying, 'Lord, hear and have mercy.'

Have mercy on your people, for whom your Son laid down his life.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Bring healing and wholeness to people and nations and have pity on those torn apart by division.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Strengthen all who are persecuted for your name's sake and deliver them from evil.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Look in mercy upon all who suffer and hear those who cry out in pain and desolation.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

*I invite your intercessions, petitions, and thanksgivings in silence or aloud.*

Bring comfort to the dying and gladden their hearts with the vision of your glory.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Give rest to the departed and bring them, with your saints, to glory everlasting.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

### **Collect**

Compassionate God, your love finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son,  
who willingly met betrayal and death to set us free from sin. Give us courage to live obediently in these days until we greet the glory of our risen Saviour. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Standing at the foot of the cross and gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

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**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of peace enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness,  
working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**